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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, please revise the paragraph beginning on line 4 as follows:

Figure 5 is a diagram that illustrates an embodiment of a system that enables a person using a machine that simulates movement along a course to obtain a comparison of his/her performance relative to that of another person moving along the actual course or a similar course.

On page 3, please revise the paragraph beginning on line 9 as follows:

Figure 7 is a diagram that illustrates an embodiment of a system that enables multiple persons to use machines that ~~simulates~~ simulate movement along a course and obtain comparisons of their performances relative to each other.

On page 3, please revise the paragraph beginning on line 18 as follows:

Figure 1 shows an embodiment of a system 8 that enables persons located in different geographic areas to participate (e.g., compete, train, practice, etc.) with each other in a recreational or sporting activity that involves movement along courses located in the geographic areas. In Figure 1, a first participant, USER1, is located in a first geographic area or location 10. A second participant, USER2, is located in a second geographic area or location 12. The first and second areas may be in different cities, such as Chicago and Moscow, different states, different countries, and so on. Although only two participants are shown in Figure 1, it should be understood that the embodiment is not limited to only two participants and that many participants may take part.

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On page 4, please revise the paragraph beginning on line 4 as follows:

In this embodiment, the participants, USER1 and USER2, have mobile communications devices, 16 and 18, respectively. The mobile communications devices, 16 and 18, are wireless devices that enable the participants to communicate with a data network 20 while moving through their respective geographic areas. In one embodiment, the communications devices are cell or mobile phones that use any suitable wireless technology, including but not limited to Personal Communications Services ("PCS")~~PCS~~, General Packet Radio Services ("GPRS")~~GPRS~~, Enhanced Data rates for Global System for Mobile Communications Evolution ("EDGE")~~EDGE~~ or Wireless Fidelity ("WIFI")~~WIFI~~. Alternatively, the communications devices may be Personal Digital Assistants ("PDAs")~~PDAs~~. According to another embodiment, the devices may be specialized sports devices. The participants do not need to use the same type of communications device.